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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Log Cabin (Dare)

AND/OR COMMON

Frank Dare Log House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West of Route 4 on South side of St. Leonards Creek, on Walnut Cove Drive

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

St. Leonard

☒ VICINITY OF Walnut Cove

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Calvert

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Robert Weems

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Port Republic

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

☐ VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: JLB 55/519

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

GWD 12/299 records the sale of this property from Tom Parran to Nelson and Eviline Dare of Baltimore on September 4, 1910. The Dares were blacks, and the property remained in the possession of that family until c. 1956. During most of that time, the parcel contained approximately thirty-six acres. It is not clear from whom Tom Parran obtained the property. Both he and his father bought and sold many properties. GWD 6/328 suggests that Parran owned this land in 1906 and TBT 5/17 shows Parran buying two tracts in this neighborhood totaling over 760 acres.

The house which was here is in ruins. Like others in the same vicinity, this was a small log house enlarged by a frame addition. That addition has completely collapsed and is marked only by its sills and rubble all of which is covered by thick ivy. The roof has caved in on the log portion, but the walls still stand along with the stone chimney which both buildings shared.

This is a true, 1½ story log house which had a gable end roof. The plan is one up/one down. A closed-in stairs in the northeast corner of the room provided access to the upper room. Doors vented the north and south facades, and there were windows in the north side and east end. A chimney 6' wide and 2' deep occupied the west end and served a fireplace which has a 6' wide mantle and a 41" x 29" opening. The chimney is constructed completely of iron-stone.

The logs are squared and V-notched on the ends. They average 4" x 6" in thickness and are laid nearly flush with a thick mortar inbetween making chinking unnecessary. The interior was finished with laths and hair plaster. The exterior received weatherboards. Modern, red asbestos covers two types of earlier siding. On the west side are feather-edged planks, 7" wide and 3/4" in thickness, nailed to the logs with cut nails. On the south side are plain overlap clapboards attached with wire nails as well as random materials attached with cut nails.

Cut nails were also observed in the hewn rafters of the collapsed roof which are lap joined. Both stories were supported by log joists.

(See plan for measurements.)

Although it is in no way ornate, the mantle for the fireplace does seem large and it is not totally void of decoration. The mantle itself is six feet in length and is 58" off the floor. The rectangle immediately surrounding the brick opening is set off by plain moldings 4½" and 2" in width. Plain baseboard moldings carrying the same colors as the mantle appear to complete the room. 9" exist between the uppermost edge of brick and the bottom edge of the mantle. The visual transfer from the mantle downwards is accomplished through a molding which acts as a second mantle of sorts diminishing in size.

The presence of this hearth makes this log house somewhat unusual among its neighbors of like construction which usually have flues for space heaters

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Wayne L. Nisch II

ORGANIZATION

Historic Sites Survey

Broomes Island, Grand 20615

DATE

Winter 76-77

STREET & NUMBER

586-2050

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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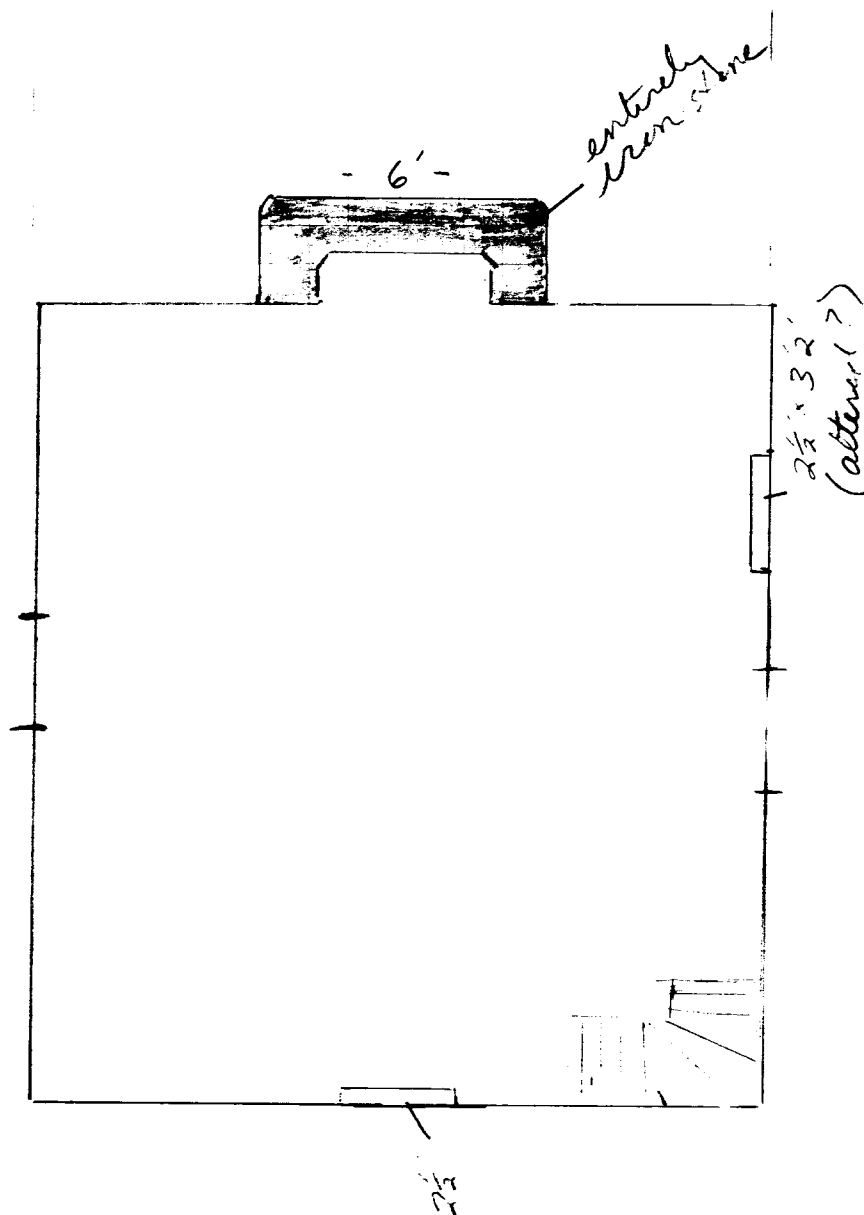
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or fireplaces that are less grand.

South of the house on either side of the dirt lane is evidence of destroyed outbuildings. On the west side of the lane, approximately 25 yards south of the house, the remains of hewn timbers, wire nails, and riven clapboards were observed. On the other side of the dirt road, directly opposite the remains of a small log structure, were noted along with fragments of farm equipment.

Seave House
St. Leonards Creek
12/23/76



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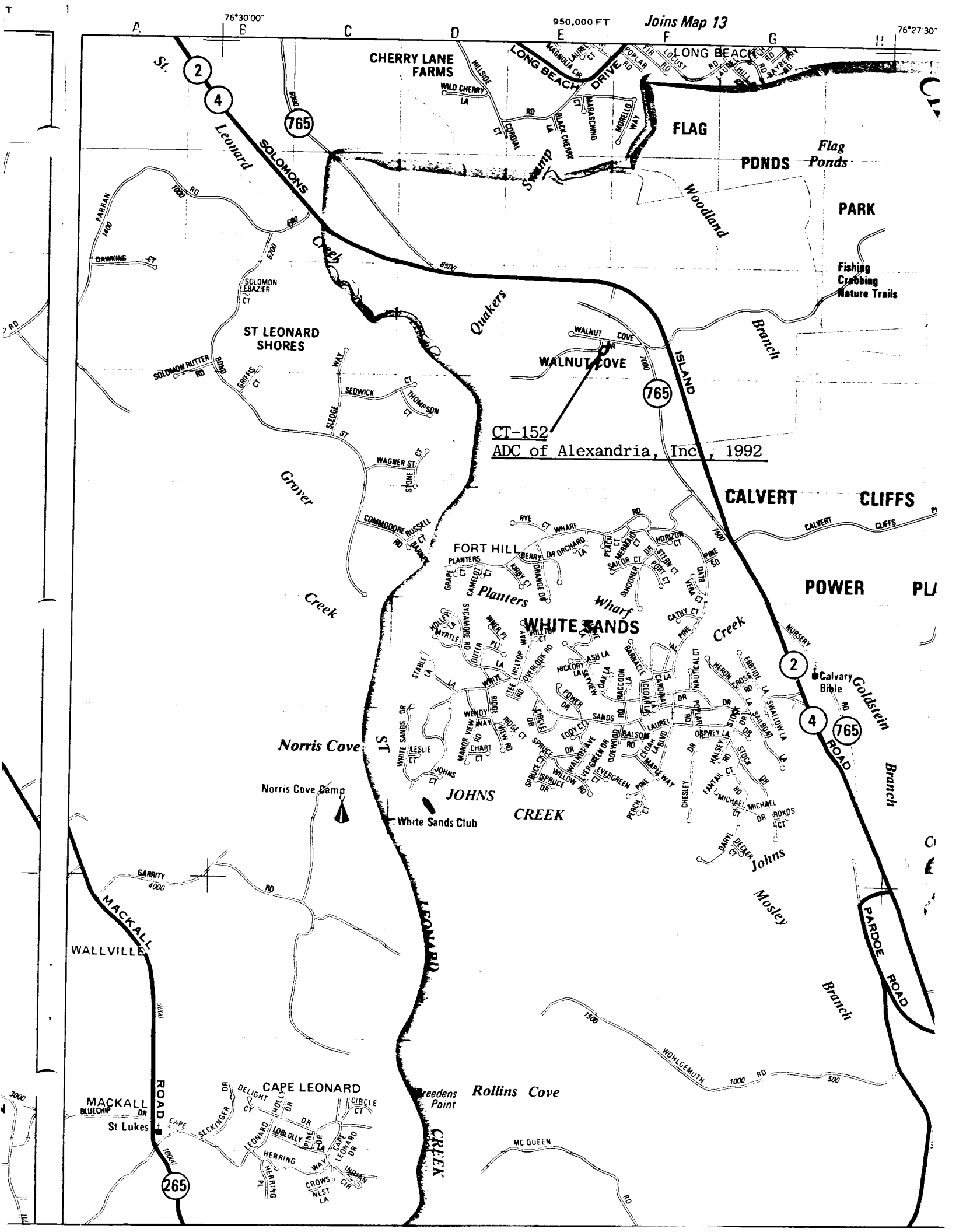
CALVERT CLIFFS NUCLEAR POWER STATION

WHITE SANDS
SEE MAP 35A
SCALE 1"=300'

EXHIBIT MAP DIVISION, 1967
SEA DEFENSE ACADEMY, 145

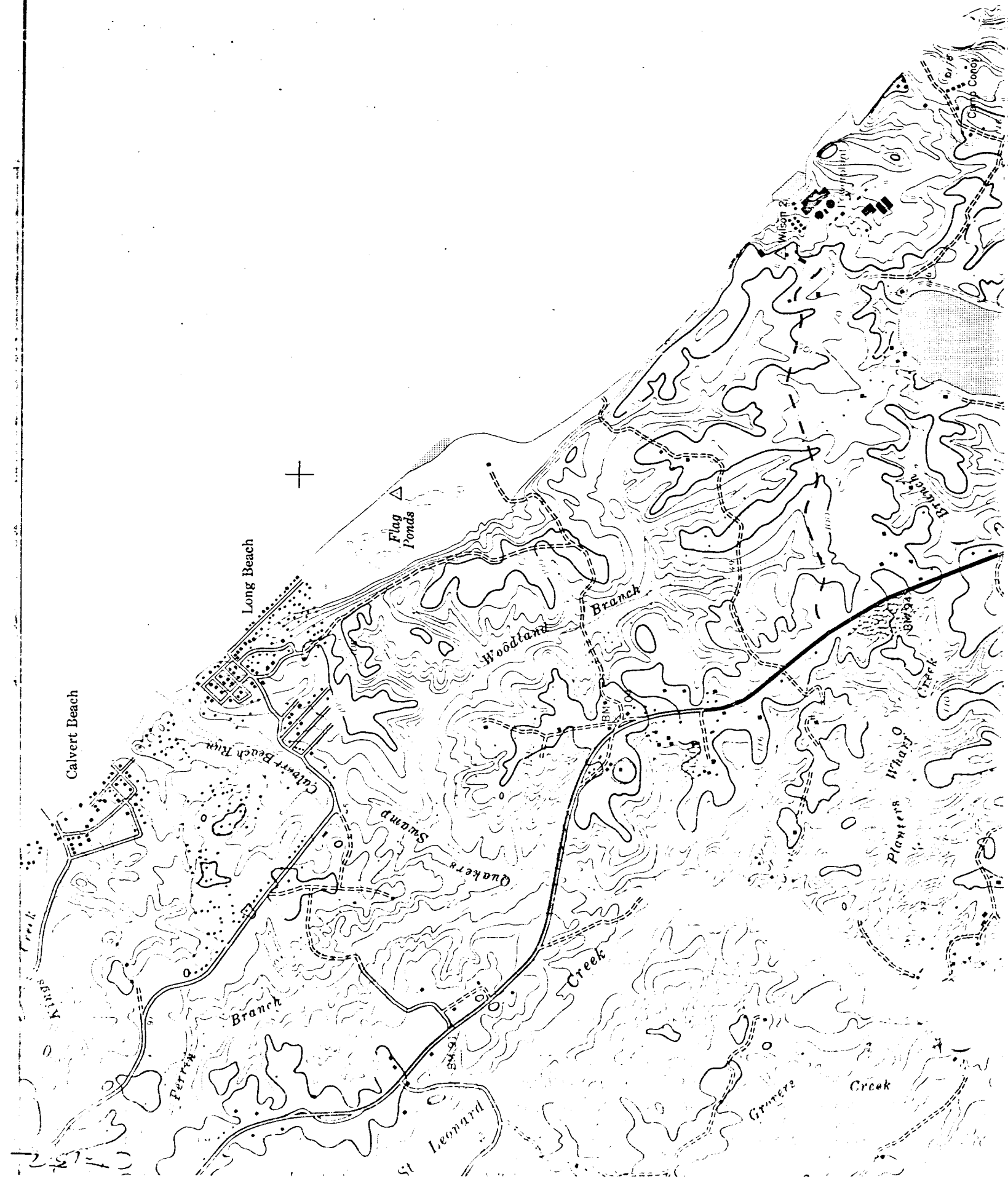
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